StatsUpdate

TOPIC: **Charitable Donors, 2011**
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BACKGROUND: In Nunavut, **1,660** taxfilers made a charitable donation in the 2011 tax year, a **decrease** of **1.2%** from 2010. The total amount of charitable donations was around **$2.7 million**, **up 0.4%** from the previous year. Nunavut donors accounted for **9.1%** of all taxfilers in the territory. Donors reported a median charitable donation of **$470** - highest among the provinces and territories for the 12th consecutive year.

DETAILS:

Charitable Donations

	2011	2010 to 2011	2011	2010 to 2011	2011	2011
	Taxfilers Who Donated		Taxfiler Donations			Taxfilers Claiming Donation
	Number	% Change	$ Thousands	% Change	Median in $	%
Nunavut	**1,660**	**-1.2**	**2,735**	**0.4**	**470**	**9.1**
Canada	**5,709,700**	**-0.6**	**8,465,375**	**2.6**	**260**	**23.0**
Newfoundland and Labrador	84,820	-0.2	85,370	2.8	330	21.0
Prince Edward Island	26,810	-0.3	30,530	0.6	380	24.9
Nova Scotia	154,690	-1.0	175,675	2.4	300	22.3
New Brunswick	120,010	-2.4	145,675	0.3	290	20.8
Quebec	1,300,750	-1.9	821,745	-0.1	130	21.2
Ontario	2,256,920	-0.5	3,764,885	3.0	320	24.2
Manitoba	228,480	0.1	382,030	0.9	370	25.9
Saskatchewan	189,950	0.6	299,595	4.8	350	25.0
Alberta	627,080	1.4	1,439,235	3.4	400	24.0
British Columbia	709,110	-0.1	1,306,015	2.3	370	21.7
Yukon	5,020	2.4	5,845	2.5	300	20.6
Northwest Territories	4,400	-5.4	6,035	-2.3	310	15.4

Notes:
1. Canadians contribute in many ways to charitable organizations. These data include only amounts given to charities and approved organizations for which official tax receipts were provided and claimed on tax returns. It is possible to carry donations forward for up to five years after the year in which they were made. Therefore, donations reported for the 2011 taxation year could include donations that were made in any of the five previous years.
2. According to tax laws, taxfilers can claim their own and spouses' donations to get better tax benefits. Consequently, the number of persons who made charitable donations may be higher than the number who claimed tax credits.

Note to Readers:
The percentage figures for Nunavut reflect the relatively small number of donors and small amount of donations. Over a number of years, the resulting changes would be a better indication of actual changes in either donors or donations.

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